(*b*) The infection is presumed to be spread by people returning from labour camps. Certain deficiencies in the available food may also be a contributory factor for the sudden increase in the incidence of the disease.

(*c*) Besides the Medical institutions, treatment of scabies has been arranged to be attended to at the Child Welfare Clinics also. The milk canteens working in the State are also contributing to the cure of scabies.

Malaria Control Measures.

174. *MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) which are the malaria-stricken pakuthies in the Thovala taluk and their population;

(*b*) the number of deaths in each of these pakuthies during the half year ending 31-9-1120;

(*c*) the number of deaths as a sequel to malaria in each of them during the same period;

(*d*) the control measures taken to combat malaria in each of them;

(*e*) whether they have any definite scheme to free the malarial tracts in the State; and

(*f*) if so, the details of the same?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI:

		Population in 1941.
(*a*) Arumanalloor	...	731
Ananthapuram	...	2714
Azhakiapandipuram	...	4744
Thazhakkudi	...	5060
(*b*) Arumanalloor	17	
Ananthapuram	51	
Azhakiapandipuram	54	
Thazhakkudi	64	
(*c*) Arumanalloor	...	
Ananthapuram	...	
Azhakiapandipuram	1	
Thazhakkudi	...	

(*d*) (1) Two quinine distribution centres were opened at Arumanalloor and Ananthapuram.

(2) House to house distribution of quinine by the Field staff of the department has been arranged for.

(*e*) A scheme for malaria control is in operation in portions of Neyyattinkara and Nedumangad taluks. The gradual extension of the scheme to other taluks is under contemplation.

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[Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai]

(*f*) The malaria control scheme has for its aim, the control of the malaria transmission in the infected areas through antimosquito measures and the gradual establishment of a protection barrier extending from Bhoothapandy in Thovala to Nedumangad as a first stage. The method adopted is the method of "species control" or the control of the carrier species of anophelines in each locality. For this purpose universally tried and accepted procedures as employment of larvicides like Paris Green and oil, spraying of Pyrethrum, and naturalistic methods like sluicing and flushing of streams, canalisation clearance of marginal vegetation, are employed. These methods which have been in use in parts of Neyyattinkara and Nedumangad taluks have been eminently successful as is seen from the progressive diminution of malaria in these areas. The above measures are supplemented by systematic quinimisation of the affected populations.

MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Is it the case that death as a sequel to malaria was due to lack of proper diagnosis or because of the existence of fever?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: It is possible that some cases of death were due to fever.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvella*): May I know whether the member has received information with regard to the outbreak of a serious type of malaria in the eastern pakuthies of Tiruvella taluk?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Yes, Sir. A special staff has been posted to distribute quinine and attend to the necessary control measures against malaria.

MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR: May I know whether special officers have been appointed in Peermade taluk to combat malaria.

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: The District Health Officer of Kottayam has been touring the Peermade taluk. He has adopted certain control measures and each House in Peermade is being sprayed with pyretherum extract.

Appointment of a Midwife and a Sanitary Inspector in Adoor, Sasthancotta.

175. ✻**MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the people of Thuvayur, Peringanad, Mundapalli and other Karas in Kunnathur taluk have sent a petition to the Public Health authorities praying for the appointment of a Midwife and a Sanitary Inspector for the locality between 2nd and 4th mile stones in Adoor Sasthancotta Road and if so, what action has been taken on it?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: The petition referred to was received and the matter was investigated departmentally. As all the places mentioned in the petition except Thuvayur south are within a distance of only four miles from the

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